

February 18, 2004

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, February 26, 2004, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG office three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTRC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Draft December 11, 2003 Minutes

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. Approve Draft minutes of the December 11, 2003 meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.

4. Transportation Director's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Director.

3. For information and discussion.

4. For information and possible action.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Request to Use Local Funds to Advance the Design and the Acquisition of Right of Way Phases for a City of Phoenix CMAQ Funded Project

The City of Phoenix has requested to use its own funds to advance the design and right of way phases of a FY 2006, \$2.4 million CMAQ funded pedestrian/bicycle underpass project on the ACDC Canal at 51st Avenue. The City would be reimbursed for incurred expenses from CMAQ funds already programmed for the project, when such funds become available in FY 2006, or possibly sooner through the closeout process. This action does not change modal allocations, the amount of CMAQ funds programmed, or the amount of accelerated federal funds. Therefore, no technical advisory committee action has been requested.

5. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend an amendment to the 04-07 MAG TIP to allow the advance design and advance purchase of right-of-way projects for the City of Phoenix to be added to the TIP.

To effectuate the Phoenix request, discussion, review and possible action has been requested to amend the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP, so that the Phoenix funded design and right-of-way phases are identified, and the FY 2006 CMAQ funded project is subdivided and identified to include reimbursements for the Phoenix funded phases. For project details, please see Attachment One.

6. Request to Transfer funding for a Town of Gilbert Bicycle/Pedestrian Project to Two Adjoining Projects

The Town of Gilbert has three bicycle/pedestrian multi-use path projects on the Consolidated Canal, between Baseline Road and Galveston Street. Currently the northern (Mesa) and the southern (Chandler) segments are programmed with STP-TEA funds and the center (Gilbert) segment is programmed with CMAQ funds. The Town has experienced problems with gaining a utility clearance from the railroad involved in the center (Gilbert) segment and has requested that the funds (\$377,200 in CMAQ funds) from this segment be transferred to the Mesa and Chandler segments. The Town has committed to completing the center segment with local funds. An amendment to the FY 04-07 MAG TIP is necessary to achieve these segment transfers and further details are shown in Attachment Two.

7. Request to Transfer Funding Between Two City of Scottsdale Intersection Improvement Projects

The City of Scottsdale has a project programmed with \$1.6 million in CMAQ funds in FY 2005 of the MAG TIP to improve the Hayden Road and Thomas Road intersection by adding additional turning lanes. Progress in developing the project has been held up and the City has requested to transfer the funds to an almost identical

6. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend an amendment to the 04-07 MAG TIP to transfer \$377,800 in CMAQ funds from one Town of Gilbert bicycle/pedestrian project to two others.

7. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend an amendment to the 04-07 MAG TIP to transfer \$1,600,000 in CMAQ funds from one City of Scottsdale intersection improvement project to another.

intersection at Hayden Road and Via De Ventura that is expected to be completed in a similar time frame. The criteria for both projects are very similar and the request does not increase funds, nor move the funds to a different year. Further details are shown in Attachment Three. At their January 13, 2004, meeting, the Street Committee unanimously supported this request.

8. ADOT Red Letter Process

In June 1996, the Regional Council approved the ADOT Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications for the last six months of 2003. Upon request, any of the notices can be removed from the consent agenda and returned for action at a future meeting. Please refer to Attachment Four.

8. For information and discussion.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

9. Request to Transfer CMAQ Funds for a City of Tempe Pave Dirt Road Project to a Bicycle Project

The City of Tempe has a CMAQ funded project for paving a dirt road that is currently programmed for FY 2004 in the amount of \$450,000. The City has requested to transfer the funding to a FY 2006 sidewalk improvement project currently programmed with \$282,900 CMAQ funds project on two City streets. The City is attempting to advance the project to FY 2004 and obligate the project this federal fiscal year. The City intends to request funds for the FY 2006 project through the FY 2004 close out process and has local

9. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend an amendment to the 04-07 MAG TIP to transfer \$450,000 in CMAQ funds from a City of Tempe FY 2004 Pave Dirt Road project to a Pedestrian Improvement project that the City intends to partially advance construct in FY 2004.

funds available to partially advance construct the project, if needed. Further details are shown in Attachment Five. At their January 13, 2004, meeting, the Street Committee unanimously supported this request.

10. ADOT Life Cycle Program and Statewide Program Fiscal Year (2009) Projects

Each year, ADOT in cooperation with MAG and RPTA prepares updates for both the Five-Year Statewide Highway Construction Program for the MAG Region and the Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System. For the update this year of the Statewide Program, changes are limited to projects added for the new “fifth” year of the program. ADOT is requesting that the attached draft list of projects for FY 2009 of the FY 2005-2009 Statewide Program and the attached update to the Life Cycle Program be approved by MAG for public review and comment.

Note the proposed FY 2009 Statewide Program is interim pending the extension of the half-cent sales tax and programming of new projects as identified in the RTP. If the sales tax is extended, the Statewide Program will need to be revised.

Attachment Six shows the proposed FY 2009 Statewide Program projects, which would be funded under the ADOT Discretionary Program. It also presents a summary of proposed changes to FY 2005-2007 of the Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System, and a draft revised FY 2005-2007 Life Cycle Program.

10. Recommended approval of the draft FY 2009 project list for the MAG Region Statewide Program and the update of the Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System for the purpose of public review and comment.

11. ADOT Route Transfer Study

The Arizona Department of Transportation is beginning a new study to examine the Department's policies with regard to transferring the jurisdiction of certain state route segments to local governments. An ADOT study last year identified portions of Grand Avenue and other segments in Maricopa County that should be considered for removal from the State Highway System. The State Transportation Board and local governments from around the state identified issues that need to be addressed further before a new route transfer policy can be adopted and implemented. Representatives from ADOT will present an overview of the objectives, issues and process that will be followed for the new study.

12. Proposed Projects for FY 2004 Work Program

Projects being proposed for funding in the MAG Work Program for FY 2004 will be presented and discussed to provide input to Staff on the projects being considered, and on other projects that should be included in the FY 2004 MAG Work Program. Please refer to Attachment Seven.

13. RPTA Annual Transit Performance Report

The RPTA Annual Transit Performance Report, formerly known as the Short Range Transit Report, is prepared and updated by the Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority on behalf of MAG. In addition to providing recommendations for transit adjustments over the next year, the report also includes a summary of the regional transit system's operating characteristics from FY 2002-2003. The report was developed using

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input from MAG member agencies and citizen participation efforts that are normally conducted throughout the year. The RPTA Annual Transit Performance Report is intended to provide public sector decision makers, federal government officials and citizens with a summary of the performance characteristics of the transit system, as well as local and regionally planned transit system improvements. The document is not intended to bind any one municipality or collective municipalities to the contents within the report, but rather to provide a guide in which to develop and enhance transit services. Please refer to Attachment Eight.

14. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

14. For information and discussion.